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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :
JACQUES PARIS et al : S. Qazi
Serial No.: 423,109 :
Filed: October 29, 1999 :
For: NEW HORMONAL...AND ITS USE :

600 Third Avenue
New York N.Y. 10016
December 18, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims:

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~~18.~~ A method of preventing estrogen deficiencies in menopausal women comprising continuously orally administering without interruption to menopausal women in need thereof an amount of 0.3 to 3 mg of an estradiol derivative selected from the group consisting of 17 β -estradiol, esterified 17 β -estradiol and conjugated equine estrogens and 0.3 to 1.25 mg of nomegestrol or one of its esters.

~~19.~~ A method of preventing osteoporosis and cardiovascular disorders in menopausal women comprising continuously orally administering without interruption to menopausal women in need thereof an amount of 0.3 to 3 mg of an estradiol derivative selected from the group consisting of 17 β -estradiol, esterified 17 β -estradiol and conjugated equine estrogens and 0.3 to 1.25 mg of

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